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Mr. Edward E. Hargett  
Chief, Investigative Staff  
Committee on Appropriations  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hargett:

Reference is made to your letter of 5 August 1949 and your subsequent conversation with Mr. Walter L. Pforzheimer, our Legislative Liaison Officer. Your letter states that you are presently undertaking a survey with respect to the general typewriter situation of the Government, and you enclosed a detailed form for completion. As Mr. Pforzheimer has stated, we would very much appreciate not being requested to fill out the attached forms for reasons of security. These reasons are particularly applicable in connection with Section V (Personnel) of your questionnaire. In this connection, I wish to point out that Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Public Law 110, 81st Congress) specifically provides that this Agency should be exempted from provisions of law which require disclosure of number of personnel employed by this Agency. In addition, because of the nature of the work of this Agency, certain security safeguards must be placed around the acquisition of typewriters, including their makes and ages.

For these reasons, it is my earnest desire that your Committee not press its inquiry insofar as this Agency is concerned.

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NOTE FOR RECORD: Basic ER 0-5804 w/ encls including statement by Services Officer of number of typewriters (departmental not operational) and statement by Mr. Pforzheimer that report would not be required but that Chief Clk, House Approp. Committee desires CIA to talk with Ch, Inv. Staff, CR cy and encls routed thru I&S.